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Upon our glorious land;
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To stalwart Freedom's strand—
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With us in peace to stay;
And may your sojourn with us,
Seem all too short a day.

W. P. Lett.

### STORIES OF FORTUNE.

**How a Water Well Became an Oil Well and an Oil Well a Water Well.**

A Bradford (Pa.) telegram to the New York Sun says: "Talk about tumbles in the price of oil," said a veteran operator on the Bradford Petroleum Exchange, "nothing like the one of the winter of 1860 has been known in the modern days of the trade. That was the winter that Jesse Heydrick put down the old Farmers' and Mechanics' well, or rather the company he formed put it down, and that was the first company ever formed to develop the oil territory. The well came in good for about 3,000 barrels a day, and half of it couldn't be taken care of, but ran down the creek in a regular flood. Oil was oil then, and was worth $13 a barrel. Pittsburg was the only market, and we only had one way to get oil there, and that was by running it in barges down the Allegheny River from Oil City. Of course it was necessary to have freshets to transport it in this way. The winter that Heydrick struck his well the river was frozen over, but he was bound to get some oil to Pittsburg. He succeeded in cutting a way through, and ran ten flat boats down. He sold all his oil for $13 a barrel. The next day a thaw set in, and in two days the river broke up. Then the boats began to run, and in a short time the market was overstocked, and in less than a week oil was selling at ninety cents a barrel.

"The early days of oil-production were attended by many curious incidents. One of the queerest was a streak of luck a well-owner struck on the creek in 1863. He had drilled a well down to the third sand, but found nothing but water, and three days' continuous pumping failed to bring anything else to the surface, so he abandoned the well in disgust. The next day a neighbour of his, who was operating on an adjoining lease, came over to see the disgusted well-owner, and informed him, with much excitement, that since the pumping of water had ceased at his well great trouble had resulted at the other well, which had yielded thirty barrels of oil a day as long as the water was being pumped, but upon the stopping of the water-pumping had filled up with water and produced no more oil.

"The result was that the man who owned the producing well hired the less fortunate operator to keep his pump going, for which he paid him $10 a week. The producing well was thus changed to its former condition, and things worked satisfactorily for six months, when suddenly one day the well that had been yielding nothing but water began pumping oil, and the one that had been yielding oil became in turn a water well. The changed situations resulted in a lawsuit, which was won by the owner of the well which at first had yielded nothing but water.

### A WHITE MOUNTAIN JOKE.

Boston Advertiser.

During the past summer a handsome young man and a mischievous young lady were among the guests at a White Mountain Hotel. The young man was teased by his friends on account of his habit of lunching just before going to bed. One evening he found a large paper bag of crakers on his table. Rashly jumping to the conclusion that the mischievious young lady had made the gift, he went on tip-toe to the door of her room and tossed a cracker through the open transom. The room was dark; but the cracker's fall was followed by a slight scuffling. He paused a moment, and then threw a second and a third. Each time a rustling was heard, but no one spoke. Having tossed the entire contents of the bag into the room, the young man stole away, and as he left the corridor met the young lady coming to her room. Troubled in his mind he made inquires the next morning as to the effect of the bombardment, and learned to his horror that the first cracker thrown had landed on the head of the young lady's grandmother, an infirm old lady of nearly eighty, who was at the moment kneeling at her bedside engaged in her devotions. Much alarmed, she had risen to her feet, only to receive a second shot. She had then retreated to a cornor, but being further assailed, and not being able to form any idea of the nature and origin of the mysterous missles, she had finally crept under the bed, where she was discovered in forlorn condition by her astonished grandchild.

Capt. Holloway, of the Salvation Army at St. Thomas, has arrived in Brantford and assumed command of the Brantford division.

Mr. W. S. Ireland, manager of the Bank of Commerce at Chatham for twelve years past, severed his connection with that institution on Monday, and is to be succeeded by J. E. Thomas, late of Windsor.

The Directors of the Bank of Montreal have declared the usual half-yearling dividend of five per cent. The Directors of the Bank Ville Marie have declared a dividend at the rate of seven per cent. per annum, being one per cent. per annum more than last year.

### *CANADA IN BRIEF.*

The factories at Fletcher are undergoing repairs.

A new hotel was completed at Ridgetown last week.

A banking office will be opened at Tilbury Center shortly.

Over 220 buildings have been erected at Windsor this summer.

Mr. J. Belleau has been elected M.P. for Levis by a majority of over 800.

The Paris Waterworks Committee will purchase a $6000 Northey pump.

A lad named Wishart of Paris, cut his knee severely while topping turnips last week.

The transportation from England to Quebec of Lord Lansdowne's effects is said to have cost $1,250.

Mr. W. M. Vidal, son of Senator Vidal, of Sarnia, has been appointed agent of the G. T. R. at Watford.

The surveyors of the London Junction Railway will have the route through London completed shortly.

Montreal boasts of a man and his wife, respectively aged 92 and 91, with two of their sisters aged 75 and 72.

Mr. P. Landry, M.P. for Montmagny, Que., has been named Chevalier of St. Gregory the Great by the Papal Court.

It is reported that the new Government 4 per cent loan has all been taken in small lots by Canadian Institutions or individuals, at par.

The Quebec Field Battery, commanded by Major Crawford Lindsay, has been awarded the Governor-General's cup for general excellence.

Mr. Cornwallis West, a relative of the British Minister at Washington, and husband of one of England's handsomest women, is in Kingston, the guest of Dean Lyster.

Alex. Patterson, who escaped from the Rockwood Asylum, at Kingston, has been heard of near Napanee. He belongs to Welland, and has been in the asylum thirteen years.

Mr. Hector Beaton, clerk and treasurer of the township of Pickering since 1850, resigned the other day at the age of eighty, and received some high compliments. His son gets the appointment.

S. R. Shaw, bookkeeper in the office of the Farmers' Loan and Savings Company, Toronto, has embezzled $1,900 and skipped. The Company are fully insured in the London Guarantee Company.

A brakeman named Walker was employed in taking out cars at Oil City siding, St. Thomas, when he got caught between the draw heads and was terribly crushed, but will probably recover.

The Directors of Toronto's House of Industry are considering the scheme of erecting a new wing at a cost of $30,000, as a home for aged and infirm couples, so that they would not be separated.

While shooting in the woods near London, Wednesday, W. J. Humpidge, hotelkeeper, accidentially shot J. E. Platt, druggist, his companion. The latter's injuries are severe, but not necessarily dangerous.

Several London merchants have decided to make a test case of the overhead signs, and now await the action of the engineer. As soon as the first sign is pulled down the case will be brought into court and the by-law tested.

Excitement ran high at St. Thomas on Monday among the coloured people, caused by a young coloured woman depositing a baby on the door step of Wm. Dorsey, an old coloured man, who, she claims, is the father of it and should support it.

Wilcock's barn and contents, and a number of stacks of hay and straw were burned near Durham a few nights since during the absence of the family. The season's crops, the farm implements, and a valuable horse perished in the flames. The loss will be very heavy. Cause unknown.

A man named Patrick Cahill was sent to the Michigan College of Medicine, Detroit, Wednesday, suffering from a badly cut head and a broken collar bone, which he received in falling off a Great Western train on Tuesday night near London. He lay in a ditch all night and managed to walk back to London in the morning.

An Ottawa despatch says: The officials in the Postoffice Department claim that the business of the Deparment is increasing amazingly. The clerks in the dead letter office have been engaged for nearly a week returning registered letters addressed to the Louisiana State Lottery, but which were refused by the American postal authorities.

Social circles at Wallaceburg are somewhat moved over a Romeo and Juliet affair. A young man named N. A. Cally, in the banking house of Steinhoff and Lilly, became enamoured of Juliet Patterson, daughter of a wealthy mill man. He coquetted with her until she became insane and was removed to an asylum Saturday last. Cally is a native of Strathroy. His action is severely condemned.

The New York Times' London cable letter say: Before the arrest of Brecken and Holmes at Halifax, the Government at London was warned that Irish-Americans from New York were plotting to blow up with dynamite the British Corvette Canada, with Prince George of Wales on board, which was lying in Halifax Harbor. The Government at once instructed the Halifax authorities to keep a strict watch on the corvette.

Superintendent Egan of the Canadian Pacific announces that the main line will be kept open as far as Calgary during the winter, and further if business warrants. Precautions have been taken to avoid snow blockades, and an express train will be sure daily each way. The Thunder Bay Section will also be kept open, but it is not expected that passenger trains will be run every day. The Selkirk branch will be open for the winter, and a daily express will be run on the Canadian Pacific Southwestern branch to Gretna. On the Manitoba Southwestern there will be a train three or four times a week. The rates will remain as at present.

TIGHT BINDING

## C. P. R. TIME TABLE.

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| GOING EAST. | | |
| Winnipeg | Leave | 7 00 a.m |
| Rat Portage | Arrive | 12 55 p.m |
| " | Leave | 1 25 p.m |
| Port Arthur | Arrive | 7 30 a.m |
| GOING WEST. | | |
| Port Arthur | Leave | 7 25 p.m |
| Rat Portage | Arrive | 1 25 p.m |
| " | Leave | 1 55 p.m |
| Winnipeg | Arrive | 8 00 p.m |


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The New York Herald's London cable letter says: The Duke of Argyle's decoration with the Order of the Garter is bitterly opposed by the Liberals, whom he deserted. Mr. Gladstone is accused of preferring his personal friendship to political expediency.

THE Vice-Regal party is made up as follows: Marquis of Lansdowne, Marchioness of Lansdowne, Lord Ferry, Lord Charles Fitzmaurice, Lady Evelyn Fitzmaurice, Lady Beatrice Fitzmaurice and governess, Hon. H. Anson, A.D.C., Lady Florence Anson, H. Strathfield and Mr. A. J. Galpin.

A GREAT deal of sympathy is being expressed for the girl McCabe, lately sentenced to death in Hamilton for the murder of her illegitimate child. It is not at all probable that the extreme sentence of the law will be carried out in her case, as a petition for a commutation of the sentence has been signed by the judge, jury, and a large number of citizens of the "ambitious little city."

THE knitting factories are following the example of the cotton mills, and running on short hours, some only half time. Thus the working man will find his living increased largely, and his earning power reduced by at least fifty per cent. The N. P. advocates, after all their bluster, have not yet removed all the "flies on the wheel," as they promised. The prospect for the working man in the face of a cold winter is anything but encouraging at present.

AN EFFORT is being made to induce Sir Richard Cartwright to allow himself to be nominated for Lennox in the Liberal interest. Sir Richard is both able and honest, and is much needed in Parliament. Lennox was never as well represented as when Sir Richard sat for the constituency, and now that the times are becoming critical, and charlatanism has had its day, an effort should be made by the constituencies to secure the return of men of ability and experience to fill vacancies as they occur. Mr. Jones of Halifax, Mr. Huntington of Montreal, Mr. Mills of Bothwell, and Mr. Auglin are much needed.

THE unseating of Sir John Macdonald, for corruption, practised by one of his agents in Lennox, while it disgraces the Premier, it likewise humiliates all Canadians. Sir John is not only the head of the Government, and responsible for the framing of good laws, but he is one of Her Majesty's Privy Councillors. It is discreditable to him and discreditable to Canada that his election was secured by means so disgraceful as those just exposed in Lennox. That these means were used with his approval is clearly shown from his relations to Roe during the contest and at the present time. He has neither repudiated nor condemned the work done by this arch briber on his behalf.

THERE are occasionally to be found in more settled communities than Rat Portage a low type of a gutter journalist who meets legitimate criticism in the only way such people can be expected to meet it—by inventing falsehoods, spiced more or less with pruriency, in the expectation that somebody can be found to believe them, or if not then that they will personally annoy the individual against whom they are directed. Persons of this class may be dealt with in various ways. They may be jailed on a charge of criminal libel; they may be cowhided and kicked, or they may be left alone as harmless factors of public opinion except among the scum of the population. The first is at best a tedious and annoying process, entailing a good deal of personal trouble; the second is determinable largely by the standing of the offender—as to whether he is a gentleman or a blackguard; the third depends wholly upon whether the libel has really inflicted damage on the fair fame of the aggrieved party. This last is the alternative that will likely be resorted to by the gentleman who has been pointed at for the past two weeks in the local gutter organ. He is known, at least to respectable citizens, as utterly incapable of the things imputed to him; in their estimation his character cannot suffer by anything that may be invented to his discredit in the interests of telegraph thieves or gutter journalists to whom he may have proved himself obnoxious. That being so, perhaps the best thing to be done is to leave them to the full enjoyment of their infamy and to the scorn and loathing of honest men and women, within whose portals they dare not enter.

## A FEW FACTS ABOUT LICENSES.

Within the past fortnight some commotion has been caused in our ordinarily quiet town through the supposed action of the Manitoba authorities in threatening to close up by the 20th inst. all hotels and taverns not holding a Manitoba license. It will be remembered that a solitary license, issued by the Norquay government, was posted up in the Rideout House last fall with a considerable flourish of trumpets. Immediately afterwards, however, it was discovered that a great blunder had been committed, for on the 24th November, 1882, Deputy Attorney-General Ardagh wrote to Mayor Oliver as follows:

"In view of the fact that the Public Works Act is being enforced, and of its provisions over-riding the authority of the Province in the matter of granting licenses, it has been decided to withdraw any license that has been issued, and the License Commissioners will be instructed to refund such fees as have been paid for licenses issued, or supposed to be issued."

Nevertheless, we believe that three or four licensees, or intended licensees, who had deposited the required sum with the government, have not, as yet, received it back, as promised by the government.

The letter of Mr. Ardagh was written about the time when Dominion Police Commissioner McCabe was rendering himself extremely obnoxious to an organization called the Protective Association, started to over-ride in the interests of certain liquor sellers, the authority of that officer. At that time, and for some months after, efforts were openly and covertly made to have Mr. McCabe removed from his position. An "indignation meeting" was got up, and some very incendiary speeches were made—notably, we believe, one by a "hare-brained chatterer of irresponsible frivolity" named Brydon, who talked of shouldering a musket in order to maintain the sacred rights, privileges, and immunities of the citizens of Rat Portage—in other words of the whiskey ring, composing the Protective Association or Vigilence Committee, as it afterwards became to be called. This Committe, or a part of it, gave a distinct intimation of the objects aimed at, when, in the dead hours of the morning, it broke open the Dominion Police Commissioner's office, and obtained possession of some three or four hundred dollars worth of seized liquor, consigned from Winnipeg to the keeper of the Rideout House. Mr. Oliver then, as now, and by virtue of a Manitoba Charter of Incorporation, Mayor of Rat Portage, was asked to swear in special constables to assist in the work of overawing the Dominion authorities. Whoever, advised him on that occasion advised him well. He declined publicly to countenance illegality, and incurred thereby the bitter hostility of the "vigilants"—who, it may be well to state, constituted the miserable rump which worked and bullied and bull-dozed for Plummer at the recent election. But Mr. Oliver at a later period was induced to use his influence as Mayor for effecting the removal of Mr. McCabe, and in March last he telegraphed to Mr. S. J. Dawson, M.P., asking his intercession to that end. Mr. Dawson promptly brought the subject to the notice of the Government, with the result that on the 16th March, 1883, that gentleman wrote that "Mr. McCabe" (who was then, we believe, at the Capital) "would not be sent back to Rat Portage," and that he (Mr. Dawson) "believed the people of the town would be left to manage their own affairs." He added, "I trust, and have no doubt that such an intelligent and law-abiding community as that over which you so worthily preside, will fully justify the confidence of the Government, and that the liquor traffic, if not wholly suppressed, as it cannot well be, will be so regulated by the Municipal authorities that it will cease to be a source of trouble in the future."

But Mr. McCabe was not removed, and the people of Rat Portage were not yet to be permitted to manage their own affairs. The confidence of the Ottawa Government for some reason or other, was withheld, and His Worship was cruelly deprived of the last chance of immortalizing himself by regulating the liquor traffic and filling even to plethora the corporation chest, if that vigorous and useful body ever possessed such an appendage. Mr. McCabe returned victorious, after an interview with his all powerful friend and patron, Sir Charles Tupper, with instructions to carry out the Public Works' Act on the line of road, and with no express command to cease applying the Keewatin Act, which the Norquay Government believed its licenses would over-ride. The situation was as complicated as ever, and almost in despair. His Worship communicated with Attorney-General Sutherland, saying that unless something were soon done, the Council would resign in a body. Mr. Sutherland proved a Job's comforter, as witness the following extract from a letter signed by him, dated 13th March, 1883:

"I have to state that in the present state of the liquor-license question no Provincial Government would be warranted in dealing with a subject on which the Dominion Parliament is about to legislate. . . . I think it would be unwise for the Council to resign, as I expect before long some understanding will be arrived at in relation to the matter between this Government and the Government at Ottawa."

His Worship remained, doubtless, in a state of anxious expectancy until the month of June, when one fine day a License Commissioner and Inspector arrived from Winnipeg with a bundle of blank licenses which the former officer persisted in forcing upon several liquor sellers whether they wanted them or not, and in some cases with supreme indifference whether those licenses were paid for or not. The Government, it seems, had private information that the public Works Act had been withdrawn so far as it was applicable to the town of Rat Portage, and in their anxiety to steal a march upon the Ontario authorities who, it was thought, might be successful in issuing the licenses of that Province, they blundered into the folly of posting up Manitoba licenses a week before the Public Works Act had been officially withdrawn in the columns of the Canada Gazette. Those licenses then were not and are not worth the paper on which they are printed, and to this day some of them have not been paid for. And to make matters worse, unfortunate Mayor Oliver has never had any opportunity of tacking on for the benefit of his bankrupt corporation any additional license fee such as municipalities are empowered to impose for legitimate municipal purposes! The Manitoba licenses are to-day, to all intents and purposes, a dead letter.

Now the question which arises in our minds is, how, in view of Attorney-General Sutherland's letter, the Norquay Government proposes to interfere at all in the matter of granting licenses here! It has recently been stated that that Government intends to recognize the entire validity of the Dominion license law which comes into force in May next—therefore the Dominion, and not the Manitoba Government, is the Government which will have power to carry out the law. Mr. Sutherland may not be a very bright luminary in the legal firmament but he had sense enough to acknowledge, so long ago as last March, that his Government "would not be warranted in dealing with a subject on which the Dominion Government was about to legislate." Why, in the face of this declaration, is it proposed to interfere now, if it be not to thwart the action of Ontario which does not and will not recognize the validity of the Dominion Act within the boundaries of this Province? If there was good reason for the Norquay Government's non-interference with projected legislation, how much better reason is there now when that legislation has been placed upon the Statute Book? The position of the Norquay Government has been from first to last wholly untenable. They have blundered again and again into the most ridiculous positions, and from present appearances it seems not improbable that under the regime of Truthful James, the people of Rat Portage will find themselves constrained to admit that the end of blundering, to say nothing of criminality, has not yet come.

In the meantime, the 20th of October has past and gone, and no attempt has been made by the so-called Manitoba authorities to close any licensed or unlicensed house. Nine saloon and shop licenses have been, up to the present, issued by the Ontario License Commissioners for the town of Rat Portage, one for the village of Fort Francis and one for the village of Keewatin. Those licenses have been paid for and two-thirds of the aggregate sum accruing therefrom—so far as Rat Portage is concerned—has been paid into the treasury of the Ontario corporation for corporate purposes. The licensees will in every case be protected against all and every attempt at interference with their lawful calling, and, to this end, the Ontario police force has been increased in strength, and, if necessary, will be still further increased and maintained in a state of thorough efficiency until the last vestige of a show of opposition to Ontario's authority at this point has been completely dissipated. A great element of our strength is found in the cordial sympathy of the inhabitants who have come to see that not only are the Manitoba authorities seeking to annoy and embarrass those of Ontario, but that in doing so they are jeopardizing and even placing in peril the interests of every decent and law-abiding citizen. In a word, we have the people with us, and it is through their sympathy and assistance we are led to hope for a final settlement of the vexed question as to which Province is entitled to exercise legitimate authority in the town of Rat Portage.

THE Copperheads in Ontario are convinced that "peculiar" influences must have been at work in Algoma to secure their defeat, otherwise their gigantic schemes of fraud and bribery would have succeeded. The London Advertiser says: "they are like the boy who undertook to shoot Mr. Curran. He loaded his blunderbus to the muzzle; He aimed at Mr. Curran; they were both deafened by the report; the room was filled with smoke, through which the boy made his escape unperceived; but he never was able to understand how it was that Curran was not killed. The Tories of Algoma are equally puzzled, and they feel convinced that the devil must have been fought with fire. They have no faith in the efficiency of superior weapons of warfare."

THE Government at Ottawa has disallowed the "Act to incorporate the Fraser River Railway Company" and an "Act to incorporate the New Westminster Southern Railway Company." The Provincial Legislature had a constitutional right to charter these roads, which lay wholly within the Province, but the constitution has no weight with Sir John Macdonald when the demands of the Canadian Pacific Syndicate conflict with it.

## MR. GORE'S IMPRISONMENT.

It is seldom that so gross an outrage is perpetrated upon the citizen of a free country as the imprisonment last week of Mr. James Gore by Constable O'Keefe, under a warrant issued by Manitoba Magistrate Brereton. All who know James Gore know him to be a singularly quiet, unobtrusive, and law-abiding citizen. He is about the last man, indeed, that would be suspected of causing a disturbance, or of provoking a personal encounter. Knowing Mr. Gore to be such a peaceable gentleman, his fellow-citizens were naturally surprised, when, on Wednesday evening, the 24th ult., they learned that he had been arrested for assault. But when they learned that he had not only been arrested but imprisoned they were deeply indignant as well as surprised. And as the full facts of the arrest and imprisonment came to be understood, public indignation became so great and general that in a less law-abiding community, it would have quickly found expression in violence. But, thanks to the good temper and forbearance of our citizens, they restrained themselves, and an outbreak was avoided.

The complaint upon which Mr. Gore was arrested by Constable O'Keefe was that the latter had been assaulted by Gore while in the discharge of his duty. The evidence adduced at the trial did not by any means substantiate the charge, although no effort was left untried to make a strong case. But suppose the charge to have been well founded, the issue of a summons was all that was necessary against Mr. Gore. Instead of that a warrant was issued, and upon this authority he was arrested, and suffered the further indignity and outrage of being handcuffed and thrust into gaol, as if a common felon, charged with murder or some other almost equally heinous offense. There he would unquestionably have been obliged to remain all night, unless it may be that his captors intended to ship him off to Winnipeg in a box car, had not the enraged citizens intervened and compelled Magistrate Brereton to release him on bail.

Now, for the information of outsiders, it may be necessary here to state that Mr. Gore is to-day one of the largest, if not the largest, property holders in Rat Portage. Besides being the proprietor of the leading hotel, the Queen's, he owns a couple of shops, a dwelling-house, a new three story brick building to be used as a warehouse, wine cellar, a public hall and offices, and a large number of town lots and other valuable property. He is in fact, as above stated, one of the most responsible men in town. And there is no man in it who is at the present time making and spending more money in Rat Portage. That a gentleman in his position, in a free country, under free laws, and, as is generally supposed, under a free, wise and just administration thereof, should be arrested, handcuffed, and gaoled as Mr. Gore was by Constable O'Keefe, is an outrage that demands the severest public condemnation and the summary dismissal of the constable who committed it. The latter claims to hold a commission from both the Governments of the Dominion and of Manitoba. If so, the Minister of Justice at Ottawa and the Attorney-General of Manitoba should immediately revoke these commissions, which have been so ineffably disgraced, and not for the first time, by this same officer. Otherwise the responsibility for the malicious and cowardly ruffianism of O'Keefe will be transferred to his masters at Ottawa and Winnipeg. This, notwithstanding their past peculiar relationship with him, we fain hope they will not be prepared to assume.

THAT there is such a thing as going further and faring worse, has been proved to the dissatisfaction of an Ohio murderer who, a few months ago, was convicted of murder in the second degree, after a long and painstaking trial. Not content with this verdict, he obtained a new trial and was promptly convicted of murder in the first degree. The penalty under the first verdict was imprisonment, under the latter—the gallows.

THE figures published by the British Board of Trade show that the total number of emigrants leaving Great Britain in September last was 37,245, of whom 30,7?? were of British origin. In September 1882, the total was 34,057, of whom 27,77? were British. The number who left Britain for the United States last month was 21,410, and for Canada 3,030. In September last year 24,158 left for the States and 4,461 for Canada. In the nine months of this year the emigrants to the States and Canada numbered respectively 210,244 and 49,589. In the corresponding period of 1882 the numbers were 258,934 and 40,00? respectively. This shows in favor of Canada as compared with the States.

EVENING CANADIAN:—The present depression is calling men's attention to the desirability of a commercial union with the United States, a policy of which the late Isaac Buchanan was long an advocate. No man understood business questions better than Mr. Buchanan. He would have preferred commercial union to protection, but he thought it wise to take what he could get. Had a North American Zollverein been formed when he suggested it, the population of Canada would now be twice as large as it is, and twice as rich. This is one of the coming great questions, let the party politicians think it as they may.

The Irish informers Kavanagh, Joe Smith and Joe Hanlan arrived at Calcutta. They were shipped as grooms.

## ELECTRIC FLASHES.

Hon. Adam Crooks, Minister of Education, is expected home next week.

Rev. Robert Torrence, of Guelph, has given a scholarship of $50 to Knox College.

The city treasurer of London reports the arrears in taxes to aggregate nearly $4,000.

Captain Mayne Reid, the well-known novelist, died on Sunday evening after a short illness.

The township of Westminster has spent $7,000 this summer in a sewerage system in London South.

Mr. Hugh McMahon, Q.C., has disposed of his residence in London, and it is stated will settle in Toronto.

The Mercury says that nearly $160,000 have been spent in building improvements in Guelph since last spring.

Frederick Ellis, of Paris, has been sentenced to seven years in the Provincial penitentiary, for indecent assault.

Three lads have been committed for trial at Watford, charged with stealing $300 worth of goods from a bookstore.

Mr. W. M. Smith, of Fairfield Plains, the well-known poultry breeder, has carried off no less than $800 in prizes this year.

Alfred Hall, the negro convicted of being connected with the recent robberies around Brantford, has been sentenced to four and a half years in jail.

In the case of the Grape Sugar Company of Walkerville, v. McGregor & Sons, at Sandwich yesterday, the jury returned a verdict for plaintiffs for $1,500.

The tender of J. G. Blackmore & Co., of Chatham, has been accepted by the Department of Public Works for heating the departmental buildings at Ottawa.

The store depot of Mr. Thomas Phillips of Millbrook, was burned Wednesday night with its contents. The insurance, which is $1,000, will not near cover the loss.

A peasant named James Yygelof, has just died at Odessa, Russia, aged 147 years. His son is still alive at the age of 112. He has a grandson of 85, and a great grandson of 40 years.

A young man by the name of W. F. Goldie, of Guelph, who had been in the habit of taking morphine, had a narrow escape from death on Monday night by taking an overdose of chloral.

The books of the Provincial Exhibition show that Guelph citizens made 388 entries and carried off $1,450.50 in prizes, and that the county of Wellington made 286 entries, and won $2,525.50 in prizes.

In the suit for maintenance and support entered at Chicago by Mrs. Warner, of Ingersoll, against her husband, who left her for pastures new, the prosecutrix was granted $300 per year during her life time.

Rev. Wm. Hay, pastor of the Congregational Church, Burford, completed the 39th year of his ministry last week. During that time the rev. gentleman has united 321 couples in the bonds of matrimony.

It is rumoured that A. T. Kerr, late of Guelph, has made between $60,000 and $70,000 from the fluctuation of bank stock in Toronto. This is a snug little fortune, and Mr. Kerr should content himself from further operations.

It is understood that Mr. Lindsay Russell, Surveyor-General of the Department of the Interior, has been superannuated at his own request. Mr. Russell, some time ago, met with an accident, and has not since fully recovered his health.

Notice is given in this week's Ontario Gazette that application will be made to the Ontario Legislature at its next session for an Act to ratify the union of the various Methodist churches, and to vest in the Methodist Church all properties now held by the four churches joining the union.

The House of Commons has been turned into a workshop during the past few weeks, the work of renovation and improvement being prosecuted so as to be in readiness for an early opening of Parliament. The chamber of the House is being supplied with more seating accommodation.

Mr. D. B. Chisholm, of Hamilton, was principal partner in the firm of Geo. Bible & Co., lumbering in the northern part of the province. Mr. Bible has failed since his partner's departure. He was formerly paymaster on the Great Western Railway, and commenced business shortly after the amalgamation of that road with the Grand Trunk.

A London special cable letter to New York says: Eugene O'Neill, an ex-detective in the Phoenix Park murder cases, who cut his throat with a blunt razor, says he was driven to attempt suicide by the persecution of the Fenians, who so blasted his character that even the Salvation Army rejected him.

## MARRIAGE.

AP JOHN—STACKHOUSE.—On the 22nd October, at the residence of the bride's father, by the Rev. J. Seller, A. M., Frank J. Ap John, Esq., attorney at-law, Rat Portage, Ontario, to Agnes, second daughter of J. O. Stackhouse, Esq., Carleton, N.B.

## Argus Eyes.

Tommy Marshall has returned to the Queen's.

Commissioner Pattullo returned from Port Arthur on the 24th.

Gaoler McKay expects to bring his family to Rat Portage in December.

Reeve Holmes went to Winnipeg on Saturday and returned Tuesday.

Bishop Machray was a guest at the Queen's during his visit to Rat Portage.

"Billy" Bishop, formerly of the Queen's here, is now at the Tecumseh, Winnipeg.

J. W. Colclough is now in charge of the Rideout House for Mr. Wood of Winnipeg.

Rev. Mr. Halstead has been visiting Port Arthur and other points East on the C. P. R.

The St. Charles has changed hands, the new proprietors being Messrs. Walker & Lindsay.

The I. O. F. held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday evening in the Foresters' hall.

Charley Tilley, of the Bodega, is in Toronto, on a visit to his mother who was reported very ill.

Snow on Tuesday afternoon, but winter has not yet come. It was only the first swallow so to speak.

The Bodega has an artist. His sketch of the Winnipeg Field Battery attracts a good deal of attention.

The many friends of Mrs. Tibb will be glad to learn that she is rapidly recovering from her recent serious illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Tibb are at home every Wednesday evening for the reception of the young people of their congregation.

Everybody was pleased with the Episcopal choir on Sabbath last. It has the [illegible] for an excellent musical organization.

A pleasant social was held at the parsonage on Monday evening, under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society of the Methodist Church.

Monday was a specially dreary, drizzly day. If we had the Winnipeg mud, one might easily have imagined that Rat Portage was in Manitoba!

The Rev. Mr. Tibb went to Winnipeg on Tuesday to be present at the reception and welcome to the Rev. Dr. King, the new principal of Manitoba College.

Owing to the absence of the Clerk, the Ontario Division Court was adjourned on Monday last until Wednesday, when several cases were disposed of.

Pete Rivers, formerly of the St. Charles here, is doing a rushing business in Port Arthur. His restaurant there is one of the most popular places in town.

When will the "Manitoba side" of the street be finished? Surely "Mayor" Oliver ought to do something more than talk about this much-needed improvement.

His friends regret the loss of a pair of horses belonging to Mr. Wm. Gibbons. They had wandered on to the C. P. R. track and were killed, having been caught by an engine on a trestle.

Mr. Wm. Caldwell, of Rapid City, and brother of Boyd Caldwell, the well-known lumberman, was in town for a few days last week. He is himself a lumberman of many years' experience.

John Macdonald, for the past five years in charge of the Dominion Police force along the C. P. R. Thunder Bay section, and now on the North Shore line, came to town on Monday evening.

Mr. Patrick Nester, of Bulmer & Co., returned on Sunday from a trip on Lake of the Woods. He went to Winnipeg on Monday, and will make his headquarters at Rat Portage during the winter.

Mr. Moffat, of the Imperial Bank, and now here in charge of the Short estate, returned to Rat Portage from Winnipeg on Saturday. He and Mrs. Moffat are guests at the Presbyterian Manse.

Mr. Sheppard, of the Rainy Lake Lumber Company, with wife and family, has been at the Queen's for the past ten days. They begin housekeeping in Rat Portage this week and will reside here all winter.

The C. P. R. are laying two additional sidings on the north side of the track here, and are making other improvements also to afford accommodation for an increasing business, which is evidently expected at this point next season.

On Tuesday before Stipendary Magistrate Lyon, Thos. May was charged with being drunk, and fined two dollars and costs; and on the 23rd, John Donaldson paid the same amount and for the same offence to Magistrate Burden.

George Hodder has secured a first-class stand and license, and has opened a wholesale liquor store in Port Arthur. The general public of that town will find him to be a good citizen, and the young people of both sexes a genial companion.

Mayor Oliver and Alex. Matheson went to Wabigon on Monday night to see the completion of the new Hudson's Bay store there. It will be under the charge of Mr. Hewson, well and favorably known in connection with the Company's store here.

J. K. Brydon, our eminent barrister, went to Winnipeg on Saturday. Rumor says that these frequent visits to Manitoba's capital are not all upon strictly legal business. Nevertheless it is hinted that he has an interesting suit on hand there.

J. D. Cameron, barrister, Winnipeg, was in Rat Portage on Friday and Saturday. He came to defend Constable Cates in the assault case preferred against him but which was subsequently withdrawn; and he also represented Mr. Gore in the "very trivial" charge made against him by the notorious O'Keefe.

Judge Lyon returned from his Eastern trip on Friday last, and was welcomed back by his many Rat Portage friends. He reports having had a pleasant visit and says that extraordinary interest was felt down East in the result of the Algoma election. It is probable that Mr. Lyon's family will come to Rat Portage permanently before the holidays.

Judge Laird of Port Arthur was interviewed at St. Paul the other day on his way home from Montreal. He stated that the completion of the Canadian Pacific Railway to Port Arthur had given the town a great impetus. Breakwaters and elevators, and a new $30,000 hotel are being built, and the people are surveying a route to Pigeon River, which road, it is expected, will eventually extend to Duluth.

Moved by the ARGUS, seconded by Judge Lyon, and unanimously resolved, that new seats be provided for the hall in the Ontario Court House. They will be a great comfort to our Episcopalian friends during Sabbath services; and, besides, if Dawson, M. P., or Gough ever again attempt to weary a Rat Portage audience the latter will be able to go to sleep more safely and comfortably than on the present backless seats.

### WELCOME HOME

**Return of Frank J. Ap'John with his Bride.**

Mr. Frank J. Ap'John, barrister, returned to Rat Portage with his bride on Monday. He was married in Carleton, N. B., of which city his wife is a native. The time of his arrival at Rat Portage was known to his friends here only a few minutes before the train was due, but this was sufficient to bring together quite a number of them to meet and greet Mr. and Mrs. Ap'John at the station. The congratulations were of the most cordial and hearty character, and Mrs. Ap'John must have felt herself to be amongst friends at once. During the bridal tour a cosy little cottage had been made ready for them on Prospect Hill, and the gift of a handsome carpet and two stoves, parlor and cooking, is evidence that the arrangements had been in the hands of practical and experienced house-keepers. The happy couple are already comfortably settled, and Frank's hosts of friends, here and elsewhere, unite in wishing himself and his bonnie bride the most unalloyed happiness in their new relations.

### SONS OF THE HEATHER.

**St. Andrew's Society for Rat Portage.**

On Saturday evening last, a meeting was held in Mr. Oliver's new building, next door to McQuarrie's, to organize a St. Andrew's Society for Rat Portage. The weather was extremely unfavorable; nevertheless a good number of Scotchmen and sons of Scotchmen foregathered, and the first step was taken toward carrying out successfully the purpose of the meeting. Mayor Oliver was called to the chair and Commissioner Pattullo performed the duties of Secretary.

After some discussion, it was moved by John McQuarrie, seconded by Wm. Sutherland, and carried unanimously, that a St. Andrew's Society be formed in Rat Portage.

A second resolution was passed appointing the following committee to secure the necessary constitution and bylaws and to name the officers, the same to be submitted for approval at a subsequent meeting to be held within ten days, viz: Duncan Ross, John McQuarrie, John P. McDonald, Wm. McKinnon, and Alex. Matheson.

With so energetic a committee in charge we shall expect to see the Society formed and agrangements fully completed for holding a St. Andrew's dinner on the 30th inst. And the ARGUS hereby gives notice that it will expect a guid bit o' haggis on that occasion.

### VISIT OF BISHOP MACHRAY.

**Interesting Sabbath Services.**

On Sabbath last, the Episcopalians of Rat Portage enjoyed the privilege and pleasure of a pastoral visit from his lordship Bishop Machray, of Winnipeg. Services were held for the first time in the hall of the Ontario court house, which has been kindly placed at the disposal of the church here by Judge Lyon and the Ontario authorities.

At the morning service Bishop Machray took occasion to place before the congregation a succint statement of the position, financially, of his diocese toward the Episcopal church of Canada and Great Britain, and of its relation also to the missionary work of the church here and throughout the Northwest. The diocese is practically independent of the Canadian church or the church in Great Britain, in so far that it receives no support from them to aid in the work of missions in the Northwest. Nevertheless the diocese had been enabled to do a great deal, and the present prospects of the entire church in the Northwest were excellent. He urged the Episcopalians of Rat Portage to do all they could to erect a church and manse for themselves, and he promised to do the most that circumstances would permit to aid them. He had noticed a vast improvement in the appearance of the town since his former visit three years ago, and he had no doubt the improvement would have been much greater but for the unfortunate Provincial dispute. With its fine situation on the Lake of the Woods and the rich resources of its adjacent mineral wealth, Rat Portage had doubtless a prosperous future in store.

Bishop Machray is a Scotchman, born in Aberdeen. Eighteen years ago he accepted the Bishopric of Rupert's Land, which he has since held, there being now four bishops in the diocese with the probability of there being two more appointed at an early day.

Ontario Mining

, ONTARIO, FRIDAY

### MISCELLANEOUS.

**NORSLYN.**

An accident occurred here on Monday to a brakeman named Blakely. While attempting to couple the engine and a boarding-house car, his shoulder was caught between the former and the end of a plank that had been nailed on the boarding car, jamming it verybadly. His injuries were attended to by the company's physician, Dr. Scovil, and he was since removed to the Queen's Rat Portage.

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TIGHT BINDING

## COMMERCIAL.

California's raisin crop will be a ... on.

D. Campbell, tailor, Winnipeg, has assigned in trust.

The British live stock markets are reported a trifle higher.

D. McRae, butcher, Edmonton, has sold out to M. McCauley.

Forbes & Co., grocers, Winnipeg, have sold out to Smith Bros.

W. L. Nichol butcher, Moosejaw, has sold out to Robertson Bros

Ellis & King, hotelkeepers, Calgary, have dissolved partnership.

A. Carter, general dealer, Fort Qu'Appelle, is about closing business.

John Warne, general dealer, Moosomin, has sold out to J. Arsmault.

C. G. Ballantyne & Co., contractors, Winnipeg, are out of business.

Dedrich & Son, tinsmiths, Pilot Mound, are in the hands of the sheriff.

Carter & Carrie, hotel-keepers, Winnipeg, have dissolved partnership.

A. Smith, St. Boniface, has sold out his general store business to Reid & Reid.

W. R. Robertson, general dealer, Emerson West, is in the hands of the sheriff.

Kerr & Hamilton, furniture dealers, Prince Albert, have dissolved partnership

R. E. Shirlock, general dealer, Grenfell, has admitted M. Freeman into partnership.

R. D. Patterson, planing mill, Winnipeg, has admitted G. A. Mitchell into partnership.

Nebraska offers a standing reward of $2,000 for the discovery of a paying vein of coal.

Frederickson, Jonnasson & Co., lumber dealers, Winnipeg, have dissolved partnership.

Mathew Logan, harness-maker, Nelson, has admitted J hn Whitney into partnership.

A. C. Perry, stationer, Winnipeg and Brandon, is about disposing of his Brandon branch.

Merry, Mears & Co. clothing, Winnipeg, have dissolved partnership. L. Arnett continues.

McCaulay & Bowery, grocers, Winnipeg, have dissolved partnership. G. Bowery continues.

Murchison & McGoun, manufacturers' agents, Winnipeg, are about dissolving partnership.

H B. Rose, tailor and gents' furnishings, Winnipeg, is giving up the gents' furnishings business.

Steen & Boyce, proprietors of the Commercial Winnipeg, have dissolved. J. E. Steen continues.

Goldie & Co., brewers, Portage la Prairie, have dissolved. Business continued by Portage Brewing Co.

Crude petroleum is quiet, with prices ruling at 9.. to 95c per barrel in Petrolea. Shipments for October likely to be large.

The officers of the Equitable Life Insurance Company deny that they are negotiating a $10,000,000 loan with the Mexican Government.

The price for silver bullion in London is 50¼ per ounce, and in New York the bullion value of the 412½ grains silver dollar is $0.8509.

After November 1 an advance in the rates of anthracite coal from Buffalo to the west will be made, on a basis of a $2 rate per gross ton from Buffalo to Chicago.

A car load of California pears has just been received in Montreal by the Canadian Pacific Railway, consisting of 100 boxes which are offered at $4 to $5 per box.

The value of the total export of provisions tallow, and dairy products from the United States in September was $8,660,131 against $7,453,781 in September 1882. In the nine months to September 30, 1883, the total value of exports of the same was $86,119,618, against $73,385,969 in the same period in 1882.

A sale of timber limits on the Georgian Bay, belonging to James McLaren and others, October 18, resulted as follows: Limit is sold for $20,000 to Thomas Kenny, and also limit 56 for $35,000; limit 63 to James Worthington for $21,500; limit 64 to Thomas Kenny for $5,200; limit 72 to James Worthington for $15,000. The sales in all amounted to $110,700.

The exports of Nottingham (England) silk lace in September were 50 per cent. less than in the corresponding month of 1881 and 33 per cent. less than in the corresponding month of last year. For the nine months of the calendar year the decrease is £16,000 and £29,000 as compared with 1881 and 1882. Cotton lace shows a decline of £20,000 for the month, and hosiery a decline of £52,100 for the nine months.

The total number of failures reported in Kemp's Mercantile Gazette (London), as having occurred in the United Kingdom and Ireland during the fourth week in September was 161, against 196 in the like week in 1882, and 197 the preceding year. England and Wales had 117, against 177 last year and 151 the preceding year. Scotland had 15 against 16 last year, and 10 the preceding year, and Ireland had 2 against 2 last year and 6 the preceding year. The number of disasters in the grocery and provision trade was almost double the highest number reported in any other.

The shipments of apples from Canada and the United States from the commencement of the present season to date exhibit a very large falling off as compared with those of the corresponding period last year. The aggregate shipments to date from Montreal, Boston and New York to Great Britain amount to 6,780 barrels, against 109,085 barrels for the corresponding period last year, showing the big decrease of 102,30? barrels, which would indicate that there was more truth than fiction in the reports of heavy crops on the other side of the Atlantic.

### The Wealth of the United States.

An American exchange has the following: The wealth of the United States is growing at a rate which seems almost incredible. Leaving out the vast coal, iron and stock interests, the subjoined table shows a crude estimate of the value of this year's crop:

| | | | |
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| Cotton | $300,000,000 | Hay | $330,000,000 |
| Wheat | 400,000,000 | Wool | 100,000,000 |
| Corn | 800,000,000 | Gold | 42,000,000 |
| Oats | 300,000,000 | Silver | 30,000,000 |
| Tobacco | 80,000,000 | | |
| Total | | | $2,322,000,000 |

This would pay the national debt and leave a large surplus. At the same time the necessaries of life are almost as cheap as at any time in the history of the country, while wages are higher by far than before the war.

### British Labor Market.

The British labor market, as reported by the London Labour News of Oct. 3 was still unsettled in regard to the coal and iron trades. About 20,000 men had stopped work in South Wales because of the 10 per cent reduction. They offered as a compromise, however, to accept 5 per cent reduction for the present. About 300 engineers had struck at Leeds on being refused higher wages. Disputes were still frequent in the colliery districts. Building, ship-building and marine engineering are generally doing well. Navvies were wanted all over the kingdom for railway and tramway construction. Work was progressing satisfactorily in the iron manufacturing districts. The textile trades were improving, and workmen were wanted in the boot and shoe trades. Emigration continues very active.

### The Advance in Canadian Pacific.

A special despatch to the Pioneer Press of the 28th inst. says:—The advance in Canadian Pacific stock yesterday was attended by a rumor that the Canadian Government had decided to guarantee a minimum dividend upon the capital stock of the company. There is reason to believe, that the measure has been discussed by the managers of the company and the government, and all information obtainable here indicates that it will be adopted. The plan suggested is for the government to reserve a portion of the $25,000,000 it has voted as a subsidy to the company, and from such reserve pay a dividend of 3 per cent upon the stock for ten years. The company is committed to the policy of paying 5 per cent upon its stock until the road is completed. If the proposed guaranty is secured the company will have to pay only 2 per cent pending the completion of the road. The guaranty will make the stock probably a 3 per cent obligation of the Canadian Government, the value of which, aside from the dividend paid by the company, may be estimated from the fact that 4 per cent Canadian bonds are now quoted in London at 100.


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